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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554
Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90
Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest for Price Cap Areas
Northeast Louisiana Telephone Co., Inc.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Northeast Louisiana Telephone Co., Inc. ("NortheastTel") hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission's rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to unserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding.¹ NortheastTel is an ILEC serving rural areas of Louisiana, and proposes deployment as follows.

Proposed Service Area

The experiment will provide broadband service to 2348 eligible high-cost locations in unserved high-cost Census Blocks within these Census Tract(s):

Louisiana:	Parish	Tract
	West Carroll	22123000100
	West Carroll	22123000200
	West Carroll	22123000300

Proposed Services

Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of at least 50 Mbps downstream/5 Mbps upstream provided over fiber to the home technology.

¹ See *Technology Transitions et al.*, GN Docket No. 13-5 et al., Order, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Report and Order, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Proposal for Ongoing Data Initiative, FCC 14-5 (rel. Jan. 31, 2014).

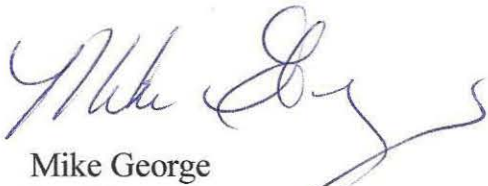
Funding

NortheastTel estimates construction costs to be a total of \$14 M based on knowledge of the area. The costs will be refined if and when a formal proposal is submitted. NortheastTel requests \$14 M in funding from Connect America Funds in a one-time funding and will fund ongoing expenses to operate the system

NortheastTel expects service within the unserved high-cost Census Blocks to be offered within a year after construction starts.

NortheastTel appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,



Mike George
President – General Manager